Data Points

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Clients incorrectly listed as "deceased"

RDMC compared the SSNs for all active clients to the table of deceased individuals from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHS). Any clients who have "Service From Dates" in our tables *after* their "Death Date" in the CHS list were reported to the appropriate region. All regions are requested to review this list and attempt to resolve any problems. If the SSN for the client has been incorrectly submitted, please fax us at (859) 260-1682, attention Dennis Moore, so we can correct the Client and Event tables. If the client's SSN is correct but the client is actually alive, the client will need to contact http://www.chs.ky.gov/publichealth/vital death certificates.htm to correct the problem. Being incorrectly listed as deceased may cause the client problems in collecting social security, getting a passport, or doing anything where verification of SSN is needed. Contact Dennis Moore (Dennis.moore@rdmc.org) or your data liaison if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Events with no matching Client record

When an Event record is submitted and there is no match to an existing Client record, a General Error is reported ("Client ID not found in database"). While this is not a fatal error, these services will <u>not</u> be counted in any reports until a matching Client record is submitted. These errors will make it difficult to match the data we compile for the Plan & Budget with the data you have in your tables.

A new report, "Events without Matching Clients in database - ClientEventMatch_byRegion", will soon be available in the "Reports" drop-down box on the "Region Reports & Upload" page. This report will show all Client IDs that have Events but no matching Client records for Fiscal Years 2004 and 2005. If your Region has Events without a corresponding Client record, please contact your data liaison to correct the problem. If the Client ID on the Event record was incorrect, you may fax us the incorrect Client ID (or SSN) and the corrected Client ID (or SSN). If the Client ID was correct, you need to be sure to submit a record for that client in your next Client submission.

Correction of SSNs

When you find that you have an incorrect SSN in your system and make the changes to fix it, please give RDMC the same opportunity to fix it in our system. Please fax the old and new SSNs to RDMC at (859) 260-1682, attention Dennis Moore. We will run a program to find all places where a Client or Event record have the old encrypted SSN and change it to the new encrypted SSN. If this is NOT done, then the client is in our system twice, once under the incorrect SSN and once under the correct SSN. When we run statistical reports (like Plan & Budget), this will inflate the MHMR numbers and make reconciliation very difficult.

Proposed changes for fiscal year 2006

Please review all the proposed changes for the FY 2006 data submissions, available at http://mhmr.chs.ky.gov/CMHC/files/ImpGuide_2005/proposed_fy2006_changes.pdf. If you have any concerns, comments, or suggestions, now is the time to make them known. Final approval of these changes will be requested at the November JCIC meeting.

Please review the design of the new Human Resources submission format as presented at the September JCIC meeting and in the August Data Points. A full listing of the Language codes may be found at http://mhmr.chs.ky.gov/CMHC/cmhc data guide.asp in the "Reports" drop-down box under "Language Codes full listing - HR Language full". A similar report showing the Health Care Taxonomy Codes, which specify type of profession, should be available in the same location very soon. Since the August Data Points version, the HR format has been expanded to include ten credential fields.

Kentucky County Quiz!

For fun, see if you can name the Kentucky counties that answer the following questions (answers will appear next month).

Which Kentucky county has a name that . . .

- 1. ... jointly commanded the first US expedition to travel overland to the Pacific ocean? (2 answers)
- 2. ... commanded the Union forces at Gettysburg?
- 3. ... is an abbreviation of a math class?
- 4. ... beats for each of us?

Here are the answers to last month's guiz:

- 1. Barren County is empty.
- 2. Grayson County is the Confederate color, plus a mother's boy.
- 3. Montgomery (Ward) County is just like Sears (Roebuck).
- 4. Letcher (lecher) & Wolfe counties whistle at pretty girls. There is no extra credit if you said Clinton for one of these answers.